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October 26, 1952

1. First Week: We consult with Italian, Turkish and Grack Embassies here in support of Finletter consultation with TermReps in Paris about the multilateral Southern Connand pilot sea-based MEDH force suggested in his FOLTO 506. (Draft telegram attached.) In light of discussions with Ambassacors, a special chissery might be nont to Rome and Turkey.

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- (c) US starts to work out timing and forum for bilateral US-Soviet negotiations with USSE, via U Thant. US
  makes clear that, if these negotiations do not result in early
  removal Soviet offensive weapons in Orba, it will take necessary
  military action.
- (b) US encourages interested countries in UH to plow cheed with concept of Latin American and African nuclear-free scaes.

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- 3. Second Week. If consultation with Italians and Turks warmants, was
- (a) Suggest to Italian Covernment, via its Embassy here and its Fernilep in Paris, that it respond to US Catobar 22 presentation on multilateral force by proposing early formation of pilot multilateral sea-laced force in Southern Commund, ...th participation

participation by Turks, Greeks, Italians and two non-European auchers: US and Canada.

- (b) Suggest to Greek, Turkish, and Canadian governmate (via Paisacies here and Permitops in Paris) that they be prepared to respond affirmatively.
- (c) Suggest to Turkish and Italian governments that this will make it possible for them to get on record that we take to be their intent anyway, i.e., that they are prepared to phase out IRDN's, in view of the prespective formation of a couthern force and the interim coverage provided by US Polaris and other enternal forces in the mountime, without this move seeming a response to Soviet preserve.

Assuming a favorable response to these suggestions, the play promptly unfolds in the NAC, and the US respects by incleating that it is prepared to join in conthern multilateral
pilot force, if countries concerned wish to proceed, and will
provide coverage with Polarie and other enternal forces in
usentime. Italian and Turkish Perahaps make known in course
of discussion their intent to phase out IREM's, since they could
not afford both Southern Force and INCM's, but those statements
one not made public at the time. (There has never yet been
on NAC Lank.)

- 4. Current. At some time, UN-Seviet negotiations begin:
- (a) On Other, we propose removal of Soviet offensive temporar, in return for end of US quarantine. This could be done in content of Intin American muclear free zone, and proposals for such a zone should represent the main initiative in looking to a solution of the crisis.
- (b) Ga gama control, we propose US-Soviet non-diffusion Contractions, sefeguerds against miscalculation (e.g., communication facilities between US and Soviet command conters), and US-Soviet declarations not to facilitate productment of MRRH's for maticual lead deployment in NATO and Javesu Fact communics other than US and USER (based on stated US policy only to facilitate MRDM producement for multilateral sea-based force). If Soviets makes question of Italian and Turkich IRRH's, we could decide at that time, in consultation with our allies, whether to make public the prior Italian and Turkich IRRH statements; if so, the US could formally declare its desire to respect these governments' stated intentions to phase out IRRH's, as part of the general declarations on MREM's referred to above.
- MTT: The timing of all those moves would, of course, be imbinately afficeted by consurrent Soviet diplomatic and other coulons.

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October 26, 1962

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- 1. First Week: We consult with Italian, Turkish, and Greek Embassies here in support of Finletter consultation with PermReps in Paris about the multilateral Southern Command pilot sea-based MRBM force suggested in his POLTO 506. (Draft telegram attached.) In light of discussions with Ambassadors, a special emissary might be sent to Rome and Turkey.
  - 2. Current. At same time:
- (a) US starts to work out timing and forum for bilateral US-Soviet negotations with USSR, via U Thant. US makes clear that, if those negotiations do not result in early removal Soviet offensive weapons in Cuba, it will take necessary military action.
- (b) US encourages interested countries in UN to plow ahead with concept of Latin American and African nuclear-free zones.

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- 3. <u>Second Week</u>. If consultation with Italians and Turks warrants, we:
- (a) Suggest to Italian Government, via its Embassy
  here and its PermRep in Paris, that it respond to US October 22
  presentation on multilateral force by proposing early formation
  of pilot multilateral sea-based force in Southern Command, with

  participation

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participation by Turks, Greeks, Italians and two non-European members: US and Canada.

- (b) Suggest to Greek, Turkish, and Canadian governments (via Embassies here and PermReps in Paris) that they be prepared to respond affirmatively.
- (c) Suggest to Turkish and Italian governments that this will make it possible for them to get on record that we take to be their intent anyway, i.e., that they are prepared to phase out IRBM's, in view of the prospective formation of a southern force and the interim coverage provided by US Polaris and other external forces in the meantime, without this move seeming a response to Soviet pressure.

Assuming a favorable response to these suggestions, the play promptly unfolds in the NAC, and the US reponds by indicating that it is prepared to join in southern multilateral pilot force, if countries concerned wish to proceed, and will provide coverage with Polaris and other external forces in meantime. Italian and Turkish PermReps made known in course of discussion their intent to phase out IRBM's, since they could not afford both Southern Force and IRBM's, but these statements are not made public at the time. (There has never yet been an NAC leak.)

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- 4. Current. At the same time, US-Soviet negotiations begin:
- (a) On <u>Cuba</u>, we propose removal of Soviet offensive weapons, in return for end of US quarantine. This could be done in context of Latin American nuclear free zone, and proposals for such a zone should represent the main initiative in looking to a solution of the crisis.
- (b) On arms control, we propose US-Soviet non-diffusion declarations, safeguards against miscalculations (e.g., communication facilities between US and Soviet command centers), and US-Soviet declarations not to facilitate procurement of MRBM's for national land deployment in NATO and Warsaw Pact countries other than US and USSR (based on stated US policy only to facilitate MRBM procurement for multilateral sea-based force). If Soviets raise question of Italian and Turkish IRBM's, we could decide at that time, in consultation with our allies, whether to make public the prior Italian and Turkish IRBM statements; if so, the US could formally declare its desire to respect these governments' stated intentions to phase out IRBM's, as part of the general declarations on MRBM's referred to above.

NOTE: The timing of all these moves would, of course, be intimately affected by concurrent Soviet diplomatic and other actions.

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